

Revised Plan 2011

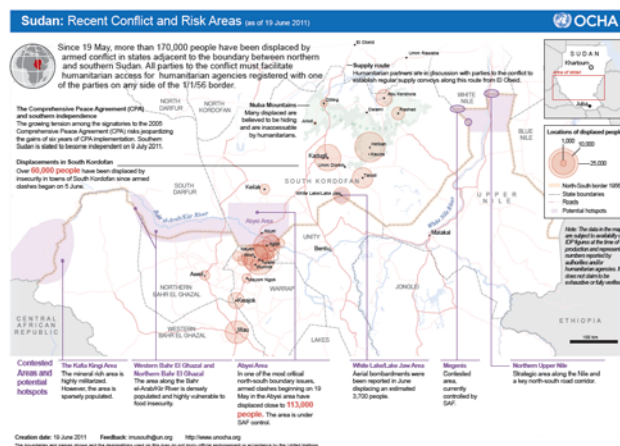


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SUDAN

Executive Summary

The first six months of the 2011 country plan for Sudan focussed on supporting Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) through the referendum process and later supporting SRCS to plan for smooth separation into two National Societies following a vote for secession of 10 Southern States to form an independent country. Having identified key priorities through a series of collective Red Cross Red Crescent movement based meetings, the Khartoum based IFRC Secretariat will continue supporting key programming that enhances SRCS capacity as well as mobilise for more support in scaling up the restructuring process of SRCS in order to enhance their ability to respond to large scale emergencies and to ensure the SRCS has clear systems and process for both management and programme implementation.



SRCS remains the main national humanitarian agency with a presence and access to all sides of any conflict. Its operations are however hampered by lack of logistic capacity as it continues to get increasing demand to respond to several unfolding crises in the transitional areas. An appeal with details of this crises and proposed surge in supporting SRCS capacity to meet the increasing demand has been launched and is not captured under this revised country plan.

The total 2011 budget (July- December 2011) is CHF 2,345,869 (USD 2,801,910 or EUR 1,964,950)

Context

2011 marks one of the pivotal milestones in the history of Sudan. In January, a referendum with a vote for South Sudan to determine a choice of being part of North Sudan or to secede and form an independent country resulted in a vote for secession. As the country prepared itself for the separation on 9th July 2011, so did the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. To ensure a coordinated approach, SRCS with support from the RC/RC Movement put in motion mechanisms for a smooth transition from one National Society to two National Societies after 9th July¹.

The country is poised with a sense of both hope and uncertainty as to what will happen after 9th July. Issues around citizenship and demarcation of key border states form the main areas of focus for humanitarian actors at both local and international level. Despite the mostly peaceful referendum process, tensions continued to build up along the transitional areas, 3 Protocol Areas and including Abyei. In late May, sporadic gunfire, looting and torching of some shops and houses was reported in

¹ For more details send request to Aisha.maulana@ifrc.org for "A Concept Note: Sustaining a strong National Society in North Sudan".

Abyei Town. Though the situation is currently calm, it remains fluid and to date reports indicate an estimate of more than 100,000 people may have been displaced from the Abyei area in the last few weeks. Most of the displaced are on the Southern Side of the border. While an agreement on Abyei has been signed between Government of Sudan and Government of South Sudan which is anticipated to provide relief in the crisis the humanitarian situation is still of concern requiring urgent interventions in providing relief to the already affected vulnerable communities.

While the situation in Abyei continues to be unpredictable, heavy fighting between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in South Kordofan State erupted on 6 June 2011 and has continued with intermittent periods of calm in Kadugli, the state capital, as well as in some outlying towns and villages. So far, reports estimate more than 70,000² people have been displaced by these recent clashes, with more than 35,000 people believed to be moving to El Obeid, the capital of North Kordofan State while others are moving to as far as Khartoum. SRCS with support from the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement and several UN agencies remains the main grassroots humanitarian agency providing life saving assistance wherever they can access vulnerable populations. With its auxiliary role to the government, the SRCS is recognized by both conflicting sides as a neutral humanitarian actor and remains the only humanitarian agency able to access all the localities of South Kordofan. With the rainy season at hand, access to these and other key states facing chronic humanitarian challenges is already affecting humanitarian interventions thereby exacerbating the crisis sparked by the ongoing conflict.

The SRCS with IFRC support has launched an appeal³ to respond to the crisis unfolding in South Kordofan and to prepare for a further escalation of the crisis along the transitional areas including Abyei. Their presence in all these states and continuing recognition as a leading humanitarian actor with a grassroots acceptance by all sides puts them at the forefront with mounting demand for both emergency and developmental interventions.

National Society priorities and IFRC Support

The National Society continued to partner with both RC/RC Movement partners and external partners to implement several projects across the country in four key programme areas. These include: Health Care, Disaster Management, Organizational Development and Humanitarian Values and Principles. In the first six months, the Secretariat was able to mobilize **CHF 1,424,930** towards supporting SRCS in three Programmes (Health and Care, Disaster Management and Organizational Development) and in delivering its primary role in Sudan. Taking into account the decisions so far taken to separate the two Federation Secretariat offices (Khartoum and Juba) as part of the smooth transition towards supporting two National Societies in the second part of the year, all projects and accompanying budgets implemented in the South have been transferred to the Juba Delegation. For the next six months each Secretariat office in line with the decisions taken in the final collective responsibility meeting in Nairobi⁴, will revise the country plan to reflect their individual priorities. The Nairobi meeting proposed: "A revised country plan appeal incorporating technical expertise requirements to support the complex process of establishing a new National Society in the South and a restructured one in the North". With each side having identified their priorities for the rest of the year, the two IFRC Secretariats supported SRCS in the North and South respectively and presented concept notes with accompanying funding requirement focussing on the two National Societies' institutional needs to ensure a smooth separation process. With the decision to have two separate country plans for the two Secretariats for the next 6 months, the IFRC Secretariat supporting SRCS in the North has outlined the following area for support:

² <http://bit.ly/ksKG8W>

³ For more details refer to "[Emergency Appeal MDRSD011](#)"

⁴ Send request to Aisha.maulana@ifrc.org for a copy of: Sudan Session (20th May 2011) Key Meeting (Sudan-Horn of Africa) Outcomes.

1. Disaster Management

The Disaster Management (DM) support for the Federation in Sudan is aligned to the IFRC Africa Zone DM focus. This encompasses improved Disaster Management through supporting NSs to increase their Disaster Preparedness and Response capacity as well as their impact in Disaster Risk Reduction and Food Security activities. In the first six months of 2011, the Federation Secretariat in Sudan did this by supporting the SRCS to mobilize resources for a Community-based Disaster Preparedness and Response (CBDM) project through ECHO and launched an appeal in anticipation of civil unrest during the referendum period. This approach will continue for the next 6 months with a financial projection of **CHF 867,166**. A proposal has already been submitted to ECHO and is under review for continuation of the CBDM project for another 12 months and is on a second review pending decision from ECHO. With the unfolding crisis in South Kordofan and potential crisis in several of the transitional states, IFRC has launched an appeal on behalf of SRCS for response and further preparedness in Disaster Management. The CBDM project under consideration by ECHO is for **CHF 503,649**. The proposed additional Funding of **CHF 363,517** under this plan, aims at supplementing Disaster Management response capacity of SRCS across the 15 branches in the North.

2. Health and Social Services:

Main focus of SRCS Health Programme has been the National Community Health Volunteer Programme (NCHVP). So far in 2011, this project has been evaluated and while it continues to be a successful project in its design and approach to delivering its services, the evaluation points out to critical areas requiring intervention to enhance its reach. Currently, support to the programme has been through bilateral and multilateral through IFRC. Through the IFRC, the support so far received has been earmarked to the states in South Sudan and this only amounts to 15% of the proposed budget. With the evaluation documenting key success under this programme, the challenge in fundraising hinders the efforts to scale up these benefits to sustainable levels. It is envisioned that the remaining six months, the programme will focus on scaling up resource mobilization within and outside the Movement partners. The proposed budget for the remaining six months in the North is **CHF 520,000** to cover implementation in 13 states at an average of **CHF 40,000** per state⁵. The main focus of this programme is to “Increase targeted communities' resilience to health risks, natural and manmade hazards and disasters, supported by an effective and efficient National Society”. The programme focuses on activities linked to enhancing community skills in provision of First Aid at household level, basic HIV/AIDS information transmission, prevention of communicable diseases at household level and encouraging use of safe water and sanitation facilities.

3. Representation, Coordination and Facilitation

In addition to following up on the resource mobilization for SRCS institutional priorities of the next six months, the Secretariat in the Sudan will focus in consolidating its human resource to further support the SRCS efforts to take leading role in coordinating with its Partners. The key approach would be on skills transfer methodologies and one on one coaching in key programming areas. The approach will also include engaging with PNSs in-country and outside the country to be involved in this process both in cash and in kind. It will also engage with NSs, with the required skills and capacity, at the regional level in line with recommendations made during the 20th May 2011 meeting in Nairobi. The estimated costs for July-December 2011 under this budget line are (**CHF 1,010,039**). The proposed budget will cover National Society Development (**CHF 436,617**), enhancing Principle and Values (**CHF 37,433**) and IFRC Khartoum Secretariat Coordination costs (**CHF 535,989**). The coordination cost will cover technical support to SRCS and will include deployment of staff (1 International and 7 National) and exchange programmes for SRCS with regional NSs. It will also include engaging with technical expertise on consultancy basis in facilitating SRCS proposals for enhancing their systems and processes for programme implementation and accountability.

⁵ Detailed Plans of Actions are available for perusal for each of the 13 states uncovered so far in the North.

Role of the Secretariat

The primary role of the Federation Secretariat in Sudan remains representation, coordination and facilitation of the Movement components in-country and outside the country with an interest in supporting the humanitarian efforts of the SRCS. In the light of the referendum results, the key focus of the first half of 2011 became ensuring a structured and collective process in supporting the formation of a new National Society in the South and a restructured one in the North. This was done through a series of workshops that determined a set of key priorities for South as well as for the North. To ensure a smooth transition, a process for handing over authority to the decision making process including financial, legal and HR responsibilities of the Federation Secretariat in Khartoum to the then Sub-Office in Juba was initiated in June 2011 in line with the same process deployed by SRCS Head Office to its secretariat in Juba. While the National Society remains one until the 9th July 2011, this process ensures both SRCS and IFRC Secretariat are ready to continue operations in a seamless transition from operating in one country to operating in two countries.

Promoting gender equity and diversity

The IFRC will continue to support SRCS efforts in ensuring provision of gender sensitive humanitarian services by helping them to identify needs that take into account gender dimensions such as collection of disaggregated data during needs assessments and to use such information to inform their response. IFRC will also work closely with other humanitarian actors to enhance a collaborative approach in mainstreaming of gender and actively participate in the development of a common framework for Monitoring gender indicators.

Quality, accountability and learning

While the responsibility for day-to-day monitoring of the operation will be with the SRCS through its branches and units, IFRC will take an active role in participatory approach to ensure quality, accountability and learning. IFRC will do this as part of its Facilitation role and within its proposed plans under the National Society Development as well as part of the plans within the coordination mechanisms.

The IFRC Secretariat will assist the National Society in meeting its narrative and financial reporting obligations to donors. The situation and progress in the field will be reported on through regular reports that provide necessary information in relation to: the progress of the operation; and any changes in the situation during the reporting period and challenges and/or unmet needs. Efforts will be made to disseminate programme achievements and lessons learned through various inter-agency coordination fora and media in addition to the existing movement based coordination mechanisms. Experience will be consistently documented using set criteria.

Budget Summary

Programmes	2011 Original Budget (CHF)	Revised 2011 budget (CHF)
Disaster Management	2,091,941	867,166
Health and Social Services	1,089,823	520,000
National Society Development	868,587	436,617
Principles and Values	139,144	37,433
Coordination	827,051	484,653
Total	5,016,546	2,345,869

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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